

The eighth Club race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will take place on Sunday. The course will be:—From the Police Pier, Kowloon, round Kowloon Rock, Channel Rocks, dingy off Pier, all to starboard, twice round; 13 miles.

This afternoon, about half-past one o'clock, fire broke out in a ten-story house at 24 Cross Street, Wanchai. The house is situated above a tailor's shop. The fire broke out in the upper part of the building, and the flames were seen to rise from the roof. The fire was extinguished by the fire brigade, and the damage was not serious.

The death-rate in the Colony still continues low as compared with the corresponding periods last year. For the week ended 20th January the death-rate was 17.6 per 1,000, as compared with 28.5 in the corresponding week last year. For the week ended 6th February the rate was 16 per 1,000, as compared with 31.0 in the corresponding period last year.

At a Marine Magistrate's Court, held at the Harbour Master's Office to-day, before Hon. Commander R. Murray Ramsey, Cassius Vindulic, carpenter, Jean Forry and Louis Nissen, A.B.'s, and Henry Keaton, O.S., of the British ship *Sunbeam*, were charged with having on the 1st and 2nd February wilfully disobeyed the lawful commands of Carl Rehberg, the Master. The defendants went on board the vessel on the 1st February in an intoxicated condition and asked to be discharged, and on the following day refused to commence work. The Magistrate sentenced the defendants each to fourteen days' hard labour.

A dinner plateful of ice, from the 'Erie,' the Peak residence of the Hon. E. R. Bellis, C.M.G., was on view to-day in the Secretary's room, Hongkong Club. The ice was partially melted by fifteen minutes, but it could not have been of less thickness than one-half or seven-sixteenths of an inch. Old King Frost seems to have timed his visit to the upper level when Mr Bellis was engaged in entertaining a party of friends in his house on the lower level. We understand that thin coatings of ice were observable along the pathway all round Mount Kellett, so that the novelty of having ice must have been enjoyed by most of the residents at the Peak for the second time this year.

We learn from *L'Asie du Tonkin* that M. Lyndet, who was kept in bondage by Chinese pirates on the Tonkin border for many months along with his wife and daughter, has just returned from France. During his stay in France, M. Lyndet laid his case before the authorities, and they decided to demand a large indemnity from the Chinese Government. M. Lyndet waited about a year but no indemnity was forthcoming, so he induced Deputy Jourde to agitate the question in the Chamber of Deputies. This gentleman complained of the delay, whereupon the Minister for the Colonies, with a knowledge begotten of sad experience replied: 'A year! Why, that is not long in an affair of diplomacy—especially with China.' Several deputies thereupon took up the cudgels for poor Lyndet, who certainly had a very bad time of it during his captivity. All complained of the delay, M. Marcel Hubert expressing a hope that fifty years would not elapse before a result was obtained. M. Gustave Rouanet, who apparently has a much higher opinion of modern British diplomacy than the average Briton in the Far East, said that it had been a case of a British subject China would have been compelled to apologise long ago and to pay down a large indemnity. The affair, according to Tonkin contemporaries, appears to be approaching settlement, the amount of the indemnity being fixed at 50,000 taels. When the money is paid over we will join in the congratulation of the Lyndet family.

New Piano and Organ Repairing Material and Machinery sent to hand; also the latest Music. W. Robinson & Co.

These results of the census taken last month show that the population of France then stood at 38,600,000, an increase of no more than 175,027 on the figures of 1891. Greece's bellicose attitude on the Cretan question adds new interest to the following paragraph:—The King of Greece has addressed a message to the Prime Minister which has made a great stir. It says that the manœuvre held last spring have proved the necessity of having such operations executed by larger units, that the establishment of a permanent camp where the troops can devote themselves entirely to military instruction has become indispensable, that Greece ought to have at least ten or twelve thousand reservists always kept in training, and that it is urgently required that the army should be equipped with small arms, rifles, and other necessary documents. The Greek army consists of ten regiments of three battalions of four companies each of infantry, and eight battalions of light rifle-men, three regiments of four squadrons each of cavalry, eleven batteries of field artillery, and three regiments of mountain artillery, divided into three regiments and armed with Krupp guns, one regiment of nine companies of engineers, and one company of telegraphists, besides one company of Armenians in Athens, auxiliary services, and several companies of gendarmes. All these forces are equipped with 'Gree' rifles and carbines, identical with old French 1874 pattern. The budgetary effective strength is 23,425 officers and men. The war budget amounts to about 250,000,000—*Die Welt*.

Dunsmuir, Borden.—I'm sorry we couldn't get along, but I hope you are willing to let bygones be bygones. Kindly let me know your plans, and I will do my best to make them successful. Yours truly, J. B. Borden.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the 'China Mail'.)

GRUECE AND CRETE. The state of affairs in Crete is serious; the revolt is spreading. Popular meetings in Greece demand the annexation of Crete, and the insurgents have proclaimed a union with Greece. The entire Greek fleet has been ordered to put to sea.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—On the 11th at 11.25 a.m. An anticyclone covers Mid China with a further considerable increase of pressure on the coast. The low will lie off the N.E. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh to moderate N. winds; fine. Strong N. and N.E. gales in the N. part of the China Sea.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC AT HANOI.

At the present moment considerable attention is being directed to smallpox, especially the unfortunate cases which developed here after the arrival of the steamer *Hongkong* from Haiphong. As there has been no previous intimation of smallpox at Hanoi, so far as we are aware, there was much surprise at cases coming on apparently from Tonkin, but the following translation from *L'Asie Orientale* helps to clear up the mystery:—

The epidemic, or pseudo-epidemic, of smallpox may be considered at an end. There was really an epidemic in the strict sense of the word? We believe not. As is the case at stated periods of the year, a few cases were notified; these attracted attention, but a little too late. If we are to believe people who, by profession, are well informed or pretend to be, there is no need to attribute the importance that has been given to this disease which always breaks out at the beginning of the year. We believe the greater number of cases occurred before public attention was attracted. The public departments have never thought it necessary to publish weekly medical certificates. In all towns in France this is done both for public satisfaction and to enable the doctors to be prepared. This last obligation is unnecessary in Tonkin and above all at Hanoi. We do not, here, wait until disease is epidemic before grappling with it. But nevertheless the weekly publication of a list of deaths, births and cases of disease would be useful for public information on the exact sanitary condition of the place. It is undeniable that during the last 'epidemic,' the Government took no measures till all danger was past. Under other circumstances this might lead to grave consequences. It is the duty of the Municipal authorities to adopt measures that this state of affairs may not occur again.

ADMISSION OF A BARRISTER AT THE SUPREME COURT.

This morning, Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General, appeared before Sir John Carrington, Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court, in support of a motion for the admission and enrolment of Mr Marcus Warre Slade as a barrister of the Court. The Attorney General said he appeared on behalf of the application of Mr Marcus Warre Slade that he might be approved, admitted, and enrolled to practice as a barrister in this Colony. The application was made under Sections 5 and 10 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1871. In accordance with the requirements of Section 10, Mr Slade had deposited certificate of call to the Bar, and he had also filed affidavits. The first affidavit was by the applicant himself, and was to the effect that he Marcus Warre Slade, was admitted to the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple on the 12th January, 1888, and was called to the bar by the same Society on the 10th June, 1891; that since that date he had been entitled to practice as a barrister in the High Court of Judicature in England; and that he was the Marcus Warre Slade mentioned in the certificate of call. The other affidavit was by Henry Adolphus Warre Slade, mercantile assistant in the Colony, who stated that the applicant was his brother. The Attorney General concluded by moving that Mr Slade be approved, admitted, and enrolled to practice as a barrister in this Colony. The Chief Justice said he had pleasure in granting the application. In accordance with the terms of the Ordinance he approved Mr Slade, and directed that he be admitted and enrolled as a barrister of the Court.

Addressing Mr Slade the Chief Justice said he had great pleasure in admitting and enrolling him as a barrister, and he wished him success in his profession. He made no doubt that he would always act in such a way as to uphold the honour and reputation of the legal bar. Mr Slade returned thanks.

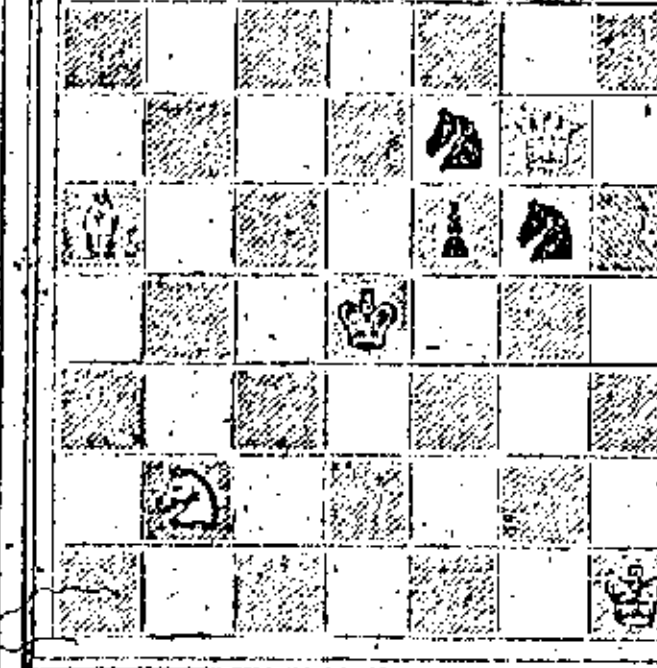
Vistoires to Rome are wont to complain of the wretched state of the church music there; and we have all heard recently of how Lieut. Colonel Douglas has started a school for teaching boys to sing. 'A thing they never attempt to do in Rome,' Mr Marion Crawford's account of the music at St. Peter's in a late number of *The Century* comes, therefore, with special interest. Some of the things he tells us are almost incredible. For example, he says that the music sung in St. Peter's, and indeed in most Roman churches, is never rehearsed or practised. It is entirely in manuscript, and it is a common thing for the choir to sing a piece which has been called upon at a moment's notice to execute a florid piece of music which they have never seen before from these 'thunder-bits of aged Greek paper.' The particularly bad way in which the choir sing, some notes have been heard for years old, and the modern pitch. It is so worn out that an organ builder is in attendance at every service to make repairs at a moment's notice. The bellows leak, the organ is out of tune, and the choir has a tendency to cough, and the poor fellows unlooked themselves in an embarrassing way. No one has ever denied the extraordinary musical facility of the Italians; and we all know that they are willing to express our astonishment at the good results which are achieved by the choir of St. Peter's.

CHESS COLUMN.

CONDUCTED BY 'BLACK BISHOP.'

Comments should be addressed, Chess Column, 'China Mail' Office. Original problems should be accompanied by solution and analysis. The Hongkong Chess Club meets every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 7 till 10 half-past seven p.m. at Thomas's Grill Room.

Problem No. 30. By Otto Wukowicz. Black (4 pieces).



White (6 pieces). White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution to Problem No. 28 (Self mate) by W. A. Shikman.

1. Q-Q5. P-Q4. 2. B-Kt5. P-Kt4. 3. B-Kt4. P-Kt3. 4. B-Kt3. P-Kt2. 5. B-Kt2. P-Kt1. 6. B-Kt1. P-Kt0. 7. B-Kt0. P-Kt-1. 8. B-Kt-1. P-Kt-2. 9. B-Kt-2. P-Kt-3. 10. B-Kt-3. P-Kt-4. 11. B-Kt-4. P-Kt-5. 12. B-Kt-5. P-Kt-6. 13. B-Kt-6. P-Kt-7. 14. B-Kt-7. P-Kt-8. 15. B-Kt-8. P-Kt-9. 16. B-Kt-9. P-Kt-10. 17. B-Kt-10. P-Kt-11. 18. B-Kt-11. P-Kt-12. 19. B-Kt-12. P-Kt-13. 20. B-Kt-13. P-Kt-14. 21. B-Kt-14. P-Kt-15. 22. B-Kt-15. P-Kt-16. 23. B-Kt-16. P-Kt-17. 24. B-Kt-17. P-Kt-18. 25. B-Kt-18. P-Kt-19. 26. B-Kt-19. P-Kt-20. 27. B-Kt-20. P-Kt-21. 28. B-Kt-21. P-Kt-22. 29. B-Kt-22. P-Kt-23. 30. B-Kt-23. P-Kt-24. 31. B-Kt-24. P-Kt-25. 32. B-Kt-25. P-Kt-26. 33. B-Kt-26. P-Kt-27. 34. B-Kt-27. P-Kt-28. 35. B-Kt-28. P-Kt-29. 36. B-Kt-29. P-Kt-30. 37. B-Kt-30. P-Kt-31. 38. B-Kt-31. P-Kt-32. 39. B-Kt-32. P-Kt-33. 40. B-Kt-33. P-Kt-34. 41. B-Kt-34. P-Kt-35. 42. B-Kt-35. P-Kt-36. 43. B-Kt-36. P-Kt-37. 44. B-Kt-37. P-Kt-38. 45. B-Kt-38. P-Kt-39. 46. B-Kt-39. P-Kt-40. 47. B-Kt-40. P-Kt-41. 48. B-Kt-41. 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